



Councilmember Chu celebrates the Vietnamese Cultural Center Grand Opening with community members.



The Mayor, Councilmember Chu and Councilmember Kalra honor Tzu-Chi Foundation at City Council.



Councilmember Chu hosts students from World Journal Magazine at City Hall.

Newsletter

DOOR TO DOOR IN DISTRICT 4

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

The Spring season is a great time to get outdoors and enjoy a variety of fun family activities. I would like to invite all of you to attend District 4 Family Day at the Berryessa Farmers Market on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association and will feature family booths, special attractions, and activity booths for children. Visit the Resource Fair to learn more about emergency preparedness, recreational programs, and well-being and family safety. Join me and Chef Mario for a cooking demonstration at 10:30 a.m. Stop by the District 4 Booth to pick up a free reusable bag (*Limited to the first 500 people*).

In addition, spend the day at the 36th Annual Berryessa Art & Wine Festival and be part of the effort to keep music programs in the Berryessa Union School District. The Berryessa Art & Wine Festival will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Penitencia Creek Park and will feature over 150 artist booths, food booths, a Community Row, a Business Row, a Kids Fun Zone, and an entertainment stage area. Stop by the District 4 Booth for children's arts and crafts, resources, and a free reusable bag.

I look forward to seeing you at these events! For more information, please contact my office at (408) 535-4904.

Best Regards,



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CITY BUDGET UPDATE

The City of San José continues to face significant fiscal challenges. Our current estimated general fund shortfall was initially estimated at \$70 million and has since grown to approximately \$105 million at this time. The City Council will face many challenges and tough choices in the coming months as we look to balance the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2011.

The City Manager will be releasing her proposed operating budget on May 2, 2011, which will include community feedback received from the series of community budget meetings taking place throughout the city. The City of San José continues to provide several opportunities to solicit community input in the budget process.

There will be two community budget meetings taking place in District 4. I invite District 4 residents to attend one of the upcoming community budget meetings so that you will be accurately informed on the complex fiscal issues facing the City. The majority of the meeting will be open for residents to ask questions and provide feedback. The first meeting will take place in Alviso on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Alviso Branch Library. The second meeting will take place in Berryessa on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Berryessa Branch Library.

In the coming months, there will be a series of public meetings and study sessions where the City Council will discuss the upcoming year's budget. I encourage all residents to participate in these public meetings to ask questions and express their thoughts and priorities for the budget. Please visit the District 4 website (www.sanjoseca.gov/district4) frequently for the latest news and updates regarding the budget process.

I am interested in hearing your thoughts, concerns, and priorities for the upcoming budget year. Your feedback will give me valuable insight during the budget process as I work with my colleagues on the City Council. Please email all comments, feedback, and questions to my office at district4@sanjoseca.gov.



COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011

6:00PM-8:00PM

**Alviso Branch Library, Community Room
5050 North First Street**

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

6:00PM-8:00PM

**Starbucks in North San Jose
31 Rio Robles East**

Since I have been elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed over 100 hours in community office hours to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents with over 150 cases. Over the past three years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you and being able to assist you regarding City issues. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours so that I may be of assistance to you all.

Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book an appointment.

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.





Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group
Meets every 1st Thursday at
6PM at Alviso Library
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce
Meets every 2nd Tuesday
at 6PM at the
Alviso Library
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

**Berryessa Citizens
Advisory Council**
Meets every 2nd Monday
at 7PM at the
Berryessa Community Ctr
Contact: Marc Liebman
marc.liebman@busd.net

**North Valley
Community Association**
Meets every 3rd Monday at
7PM at the Berryessa
Library
Contact: Chris Zhou
czhou911@yahoo.com

**River Oaks
Neighborhood Association**
Meets every odd month
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

**Townsend Park
Neighborhood Association**
Meets twice yearly
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

BERRYESSA ART & WINE FESTIVAL

Spend the day being part of the effort to keep music programs in our local schools!

The 36th Annual Berryessa Art & Wine Festival is a day for the entire family. With a stage filled with elementary to high school musicians, a Kids Fun Zone, nearly 100 artist booths and delicious foods, San José's largest and oldest community festival is the place to be!

Be sure to visit my booth at the Berryessa Art & Wine Festival for a free reusable bag and information about city services!

BERRYESSA ART & WINE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 7, 2011

10:00AM-5:00PM

Penitencia Creek Park, Berryessa Road

HAPPY EARTH DAY

This year, Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22, 2011. This is a day to celebrate the achievements that have enabled our community to be environmentally conscious. However, there is still a long road ahead.

I am encouraging all of you to find ways for you and your family to do your part in protecting the environment. Earth Day is a perfect time to find ways to think outside the box. There is more to saving the earth than putting newspapers in a recycling container each week. Our product and consumption choices, reusing and recycling are all areas that affect our homes and our world. Some of the things we can do will take very little time. Other choices will require research, persistence, and a conscious effort.

You have the power to make a difference. Small changes to your daily routine can add up to big changes in helping to stop global warming and protecting our earth.



PHOTOS FROM THE DISTRICT



2011 GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK-UP

On Saturday, March 19, 2011, approximately 400 volunteers reported to the Alviso Youth Center and the Berryessa Community Center to pick-up litter in our neighborhoods. Despite the bad weather, this year's Great American Litter Pick-Up even in District 4 had a record breaking number of volunteers!

This is an annual event where volunteers come out to help pick up litter in their neighborhoods. At the Great American Litter Pick-Up, the City of San José provided litter clean up supplies and supported the volunteers with locations to clean up.

There was a celebration lunch afterwards at the Berryessa Community Center and Alviso Youth Center. Volunteers at the Berryessa Community Center enjoyed a pizza party lunch and volunteers at the Alviso Youth Center enjoyed a lunch provided by Maria Elena's Restaurant. Many thanks goes out to the local businesses that supported this event including Starbucks, Panera Bread, Safeway, McDonald's, Lunch with Tony and Maria Elena's Restaurant.

I am also happy to report that among the ten districts that participated in the Great American Litter Pick-Up, District 4 had the largest turnout! This shows how committed our community is to keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe for all.





A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH COMMISSIONER

I'm happy to announce that the San Jose Youth Commission has had an extremely active year! On March 18th, the Commission was able to provide a day-long conference for over 200 students from all over the city. They were exposed to different types of ways that they can present "No Hesitation for Participation" through various workshops, roundtables with city officials, and an active discussion/survey component about SJ2020. It was a great success and overwhelmingly positive with all the support from City Council members and organizations.

In addition to the conference, the Commission will be working on budget discussions with their Youth Advisory Councils to present a list of priorities that youth feel are necessities. With this, we hope to provide insight on programs that will benefit youth. Also, the Commission will be presenting the Youth Bill of Responsibilities to the City Council within the next couple months in hopes of becoming adopted. As a response to the Mayor's challenge last year after the adoption of the Youth Bill of Rights, the Commission is now ready to share a document that can show that youth are reliable and able citizens of the city.

The District 4 Youth Advisory Council will be holding a Spring Family Fun Day on Sunday May 22, 2011 from 2-5PM at the Berryessa Community Center. There will be a scavenger hunt, musical chairs tournament and various activities to enjoy! If you are interested in attending this event, please email d4youthcommission@gmail.com to provide a head count for your party.

Kasey Ong

D4 Youth Commissioner

ong.kasey@yahoo.com

Meetings: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4:30-5:30PM at the Berryessa Community Center.



District 4's Youth Advisory Council at the first ever Youth Bill of Responsibilities forum.



A District 4 Youth Advisory Council volunteer serving breakfast at this year's Breakfast with Santa event.

PLANT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The City of San José is leading the Plant Master Plan effort to benefit residents and businesses that daily rely on the Plant to manage their wastewater. At the March 30th meeting, the Plant Master Plan Community Advisory Group met for the last time. During this last meeting the Community Advisory Group reviewed the upcoming schedule, future involvement opportunities, and the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process. The Plant Master Plan had a series of community workshops to receive input from the public. Throughout the meeting, review was done with the input collected on the draft recommended alternative between November 2010 and January 2011 and how it helped shape the preferred alternative for the CEQA process. The City Councils of San José and Santa Clara will review the final plan, which will be subject to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Upon council approval, the final plan will direct capital improvements at the Plant over the next 15 years and guide decisions for the Plant's continued improvement through 2040.

For more information on the Plant and Plant Master Plan go online to www.rebuildtheplant.org website where you will find recent updates, latest news, join mailing list and take Plant tours.





City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, District Director

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FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Parks & Recreation, Budget, Personnel, Youth, Internship Coordination, Web Content, & Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Neighborhood Services & Education; Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support.



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COMMITTEES

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Alviso Neighborhood, Parks & Recreation, Trails, Community Centers, Libraries, Schools, Public Safety, Constituent Services, and Event Planning

COMMITTEES

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Berryessa Neighborhood, Transportation, Housing, Environment, Mobilehome Communities, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Watch, and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

MTA Policy Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, Recycled Water Commission





DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

APRIL

9 PARENT UNIVERSITY
9:00AM-11:30AM
Ruskin Elementary School
1401 Turlock Lane

9 PHHS GOLF TOURNAMENT
10th Annual Tournament
The Villages Golf Course
5000 Cribari Lane

**11 BERRYESSA CITIZENS
ADVISORY COUNCIL**
Monthly Meeting
7:00PM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

14 COMMUNITY MEETING
Redistricting Commission Mtg
7:00PM-9:00PM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

16 DISTRICT 4 FAMILY DAY
10:00AM-1:00PM
BUSD Parking Lot
1376 Piedmont Road

23 PUBLIC SAFETY DIALOGUE
Part 2 in a District 4 Series
9:30AM-11:30AM
Piedmont Hills High School
L-Building
1377 Piedmont Road

26 COMMUNITY MEETING
BART Development Update
6:30PM-8:00PM
Berryessa Youth Center
1970 Morrill Avenue

3 COMMUNITY MEETING
Community Budget
Meeting
6:30PM-8:30PM
Alviso Branch Library
Community Room
5050 North First Street

**7 BERRYESSA ART AND
WINE FESTIVAL**
San José's Oldest and Largest!
10:00AM-5:00PM
Berryessa Community Ctr.
3050 Berryessa Road

**7 ALVISO MOTHER'S DAY
WALK AGAINST CANCER**
9:00AM
Alviso Marina

MAY

10 COMMUNITY MEETING
Community Budget
Meeting
6:30PM-8:30PM
Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue

**27 COMMUNITY OFFICE
HOURS**
6:00PM-8:00PM
North San José Starbucks
31 Rio Robles East
Please call (408) 535-4904 to
schedule a 15 appointment.

**30 MEMORIAL DAY
HOLIDAY**
City Hall
Closed



Councilmember Chu with Mrs. Chu and this year's District 4 Honoree.



Councilmember Chu attends this year's Vietnamese Spring Parade.



Supervisor Cortese, Councilmember Chu and Mrs. Chu at the Berryessa Little League Opening Day.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org

Celebrating 25 Years

Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



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